Technical Evaluation Committee. Where necessary, Government also takes into account advice of official experts on the subject as an internal exercise.

(c) According to Hindustan Photo Films the technology of M|s Garware has not been demonstrated. They have also objected on the ground that this will lead to industrial sickness and unhealthy competition.

(d) The application of M|s Garware was rejected during the years 1983 and 1985.

Royalty for foreign companies

@3017-A. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to extend royalty period by Indian Companies with foreign companies, as reported in the Business standard of the 3rd October, 1988;

(b) what are the products and firms—Indian and foreign—under the present royalty arrangements;

(c) whether it is a fact that Tetrapack had extended a royalty arrangement with an Indian Government organisation in 1979 or thereafter and if so, whether royalty continues to be paid under different pretexts till date; and

(d) whether Government propose to inquire into and fix responsibility in this fraud?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) For reasons of confidentiality, such information is not officially divulged.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2457 transferred from the 1st December, 1988.

Raising of loan limit for house building in public undertaking.

@@3017-B. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to biased approach of certain public sector undertakings on Central Government pay pattern, the house building loan limit and liberalised conditions in payments of the same have so far not been modified there as per the prevailing limits and practices applicable in case of Government employees;

(b) if so, the details of such undertakings which have so far not amended/liberalised their house building Rules|conditions and raised the loan limit upto Rs. 2.50 lakhs besides facilitating the liberalised Second Mortgage provisions on pari-passue arrangements with the Lending Financial Banking Institutions as per Government practices; and

(c) whether Government have issued| propose to issue the specific directives in case of undertakings stated in (a) above to amend|liberalise their respective loan schemes|Rules as per the practices followed in other public sector Corporations/Government Departments, pending their wage revision by Government's High Power Pay Committee, to benefit the individuals as also boosting the House Building Activities in Delhi as per the recent Government policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Under directions of the Supreme Court, Government constituted a High Power Pay Committee to look into the question of revisions of scales of pay and allowances. The Committee has submitted its final Report to the Government on 24-11-88. The recommendations of the Committee are being examined and appropriate decisions would be taken by the Government at the earliest.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2741, transferred from the 2nd December, 1988.

In accordance with the existing instructions, the enterprises were authorised to adopt the Government House Building Advance Scheme as a model with suitable modifications wherever necessary, subject to the understanding that responsibility for marshalling resources for financing House Building Advance scheme would rest with them and no budgetary support would be extended by the Government. Alternatively, the public enterprises have also been advised that they could adopt the interest subsidy scheme and the employees could be advised to obtain House Building Loans from specialised agencies like LIC, H.D.F.C. The subsidy on interest would be the difference between the rates charged by these specialised agencies and the rates charged by the Central Government on the House Building Advances.

Now that the recommendations of the Committee are available, appropriate instructions would be issued in due course to the public enterprises which hitherto followed 3rd CPC DA pattern to review their HBA Schemes in the light of the extant instructions.

Permission for import of 'Phorate'

@3017-C. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the consideration which weighed with Government in allowing free import of 'Phorate' Insecticide inspite of availability of adequate indigenous production capacity,

(b) whether this move by Government has placed the indigenous industry in disadvantage; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw this item from OGL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO): (a) Government have not allowed free import of 'Phorate' and some other pesticides but have allowed imports on limited OGL through IFFCO, KRIBHCO and State Agro Industries Corpn. on the consideration that pesticides should be freely available to the farmers at reasonable prices.

(b) We have not received any significant complaints from the industry about imports of Phorate or hurting of indigenous industry on account of any imports.

(c) There is no proposal to withdraw this item from limited OGL at present.

Import of technologies

†3017-D. DR. MOHAD HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign technologies imported in the country from January, 1987 till September, 1988 alongwith the names of countries of their origin;

(b) the amount of capital invested in these technologies; and

(c) what has been the impact of these imports on our production, export and exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 1495 foreign collaboration proposals were approved during the period from January, 87 to September, 88. Out of these, 449 cases involved financial participation amounting to Rs. 27706.155 lakhs. The details of approved foreign collaborations showing the names of the Indian and foreign firms, items of manufacture and nature of foreign collaboration are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to its monthly news letter. Copies of this publication are sent regualrly to parliament Library.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2773, transferred from the 2nd December, 1988.

†Previously Unstarred Question 3084, transferred from the 6th December, 1988.